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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MFA NOTE DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1974:

BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FURTHER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF 30 SEPTEMBER, IN REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 34 OF 25 OCTOBER ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PAYMENT REQUIRED OF THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED CARRIER, TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, TO THE FUEL SUPPLIERS FOR REMITTAL TO THE AUTHORITIES AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT, WISHES TO REITERATE THAT THE PAYMENT REFERRED TO IS BASED ON A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND THE FUEL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY.

" THE FORM AND CHARACTER OF THE PAYMENT FOR THE USE OF THE AIRPORT FACILITIES WAS NEGOTIATED AS PART OF THE ABOVE AGREEMENT. THE CONSIDERATIONS OF BOTH PARTIES WERE COMMERCIAL.

". THE FORM IS THAT OF A CONCESSIONARY PAYMENT AND IT IS AN
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ACCEPTED COMMERCIAL PRACTICE THAT SUCH PAYMENTS ARE AT

TIMES PAYABLE ON THE BASIS OF A FIXED PERCENTAGE ON TURN-OVER.

" THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO STATE ONCE AGAIN THAT THERE IS NO TAX OF ANY KIND INVOLVED AND IT IS FELT THAT NO QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY ARISES.

" IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY, THAT IN VIEW OF THE BURDEN PLACED ON AIRLINES BY INCREASES IN WORLD PRICES FOR AVIATION FUEL, THE AUTHORITIES ARE AT PRESENT REVIEWING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CONCESSION PAYMENT REFERRED TO.

" THE MINISTRY HOPES THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE IT WILL BE IN THE POSITION TO INFORM THE EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY.

" THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."
END TEXT

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM MFA THAT GOI HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO DROP FUEL CHARGE, BUT INSTEAD HOPES TO BE ABLE TO REDUCE SIZE OF CHARGE. MFA OFFICIAL WAS UNABLE TO PREDICT WHEN THIS CHANGE MIGHT GO INTO EFFECT.

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